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## PIVOTING QUICKLY: PROVIDING DRIVE-THROUGH ACCESS TO FOOD SHOWED A SUCCESSFUL MODEL FOR FUTURE EMERGENCIES

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*Two rows of cars wait in the overflow lot to get  
food boxes being distributed by Food for People*

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***at the Bayshore Mall in Eureka. [All photos by  
Mark McKenna]***

Sometimes emergency situations free up creative solutions. Friday's overwhelmingly successful drive-through food distribution held by Food for People in partnership with Cooperation Humboldt and a number of other agencies was an innovative response to a rapidly increasing need for more food. The non-profit saw a community forced to Shelter-in-Place in the face of a worldwide pandemic with a decreased number of volunteers able to help distribute it.

"It was very successful," Carly Robbins, Development Director for Food for People, told us. "We had people lining up well before two. In a half hour, we gave out well over 300 boxes." They continued to give out food until four p.m.

Robbins explained that with a number of jobs having been lost, some community members are struggling to afford food. "I think everyone knows that things are getting tough for people around here," she said. "Today's distribution points to how many people are really needing a little extra help."

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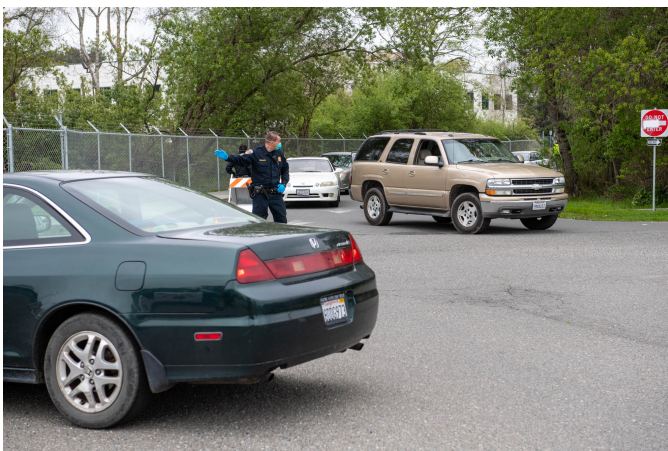
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***The line of cars wrapped around the northern end of the Bayshore Mall parking lot back through the parking lot next to the closed Sears and back up Bayshore Way to Broadway.***

But Food for People and their partners were able to quickly identify a way to get large amounts of food out to those in need with decreased access to their normal volunteers all while maintaining appropriate social distancing and wearing equipment to protect both the wearer and those getting the food. “The whole idea [of a drive-through distribution center] came to fruition in a week,” Robbins told us. “We only had a couple days to [get the word out].”



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Rapidly'; One  
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***Local law enforcement helped with the traffic control.***

Luckily, they had help. “We had some amazing partners,” she said. “Without all of their help, we couldn’t have pulled it off.” She named Cooperation Humboldt, the EPD, the CHP and Uplift Eureka as partners that made the project a success.

Christina Gallagher, a Humboldt County In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) caregiver, drove her 62-year-old client into Eureka to receive the food pick up. She got there 15 minutes before the 2 p.m. start time and said, “The experience was quick, efficient, and pretty well organized. [There were] lots of police and volunteers.” She said they were done by 2:20 p.m. She said the box held staples—“Dry goods type stuff, spaghetti, canned goods, 2% milk in a box, corn, peas, oatmeal...Canned peaches...[and] Canned tomatoes.”



***Multiple volunteers kept the line moving.***

Robbins, Development Director for Food for People, pointed out that it’s not just today

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that people have needed help. She explained, “Within the last three to four weeks—typically we send one truck load per month to some [food distributors]—but now we are doing sometimes two or three trips.”

Food for People has been struggling through adversity themselves. On February 28, several thousand gallons of sewage inundated their food storage site causing significant damage. “We moved out of that site,” Robbins said. The organization has leased two warehouses and the City of Eureka is letting them use the old Eureka Chamber on Broadway for direct distribution.



***Volunteer Quinn McKee places a food box into the trunk of a car today.***

If anyone would like to help, Robbins said, “The most impactful way is to give a financial donation. We are trying to get as much food to help as possible.”

She suggested going to **Food for People** and looking for the donate link at the top of the page or sending a check to PO Box 4922, Eureka, CA 95502.

The group can also use volunteers. “We’re putting together small teams,” she explained. Fill out [volunteer form online here](#).



***Dan Kelly, left and another volunteer place a food box into a car.***

“I think today is a perfect example of adapting to these times,” Robbins told us. “Having to pivot to deal with increased need with less resources is difficult, but we adapted and we’re successful. We’ll use this model in future emergencies.”

She followed up with an email saying, “At last count we had given out more 540 food boxes...[W]e asked everyone how [many were in their] household, so once the tally is counted we should have a good idea how many people will benefit from the food.”

A flyer for SoHum Yoga online classes. The background is a dark, textured image with the text "SoHum Yoga" in a large, orange, stylized font. Above the text, it says "-online classes-". Below the text, it lists class schedules and prices: "Sunday 10 am-11:30 am hatha class (active) \$10-\$15", "Sunday noon-1:30 pm Restorative \$10-\$15", "Tuesday 9 am-10 am hatha class (active) \$10-\$15", "Tuesday 10:30-11:30 and 1:30-2:30 restorative movement sponsored by healthcare district \$3-\$5", and "Thursday 10:30-11:30 and 1:30-2:30 restorative movement sponsored by healthcare district \$3-\$5". At the bottom right, it says "Call (707) 823 7227" and "Email annconstantino@gmail.com".



## 46 COMMENTS

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**Chuck U**

April 10, 2020 7:18  
pm



There is absolutely no reason for this, they have flattened the curve while keeping the economy open in Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan and South Korea with masking and education.

Just remember, your handlers told you for 2 months not to touch a mask, it was dangerous even! They needed good spread. This is about destruction of capitalism and democracy and the rise of the Technocracy that will tell you what is good for you. This disease is 99% survivable, ask these people how survivable (through may 15th now) the lockdown is.

<https://www.technocracy.news/global-digital-id-fur-alleseen-as-key-to-sustainable-development-goals/>

Thank you Food for People!

Reply

**Just Sayin**

April 10, 2020 7:40  
pm



So, there's no need for food for people who have been laid off and haven't had a paycheck for the better part

of a month? What are you talking about!?  
Oh and yes THANK YOU, FOOD FOR  
PEOPLE...

Reply

**Chuck U**

April 10, 2020 7:53  
pm



There is no need for a  
total economic shutdown  
and all these people lining  
up for food! When you

have proven methods to not shut down  
the economy that flatten the curve and  
instead maximize economic pain and  
suffering the is an alternative motive.  
When the technocrats screwed up the  
testing, then screwed it up again, and  
again, and again, and still haven't got it  
going after MONTHS when Germany  
and South Korea are testing more than  
our totals on a weekly basis, when they  
tell you not to touch a mask for 2  
months, when they do everything for 3  
months to maximize spread and  
minimize preparation for first  
responders, there is an alternative  
motive going on.

Reply

**Legallettuce**

April 10, 2020 8:05  
pm



"Just cause you can  
steer with your feet



■ ■ doesn't mean ya  
should" – Henry Ford

Yes there is a need and I think the  
people of New York would disagree  
with your opinion.

[Reply](#)

**[edit]**

April 11, 2020 12:02  
am



My opinion,  
independent of the  
Trump admin,  
which I am no fan

of, but will separate so we don't  
float boats we don't need too, is  
that NY would totally agree with  
my opinion, and that you like the  
other poster are commenting  
without fully reading my post or  
comprehending it. No problem, if  
I was a greedy person or  
politician...

This is a disease. We can manage.  
As an engineered event, I got  
done in Jan.

[Reply](#)

**Fany**

April 11, 2020 9:03  
am



This is what socialism looks  
like sheeple, (long lines for  
free food). don't worry, your  
free money is coming, just  
before you decide to revolt..... Ta Da!

"Free" money. I'm returning mine to sender. I was taught to work for my money. The carrot is dangling people..... will you take the bait?

Reply

Jim Brickley

April 11, 2020 1:04  
pm



' Socialism' is their name for almost anything that helps all the people'.  
Harry S. Truman – 1952-

Reply

**onrust**

April 10, 2020 7:29  
pm



I think that it is a wonderful idea to provide food to people from Food For People. It's a great organization. However, I am concerned about those of us who do not need to use Food For People.

What are the ways old folks can get food delivered to them or families for that matter? I live in Fortuna and Safeway will deliver through Instacart. What are the other ways to get food?

The Healy Senior Center in Garberville will deliver food to seniors from Pepperwood to the Humboldt County line and from Alderpoint to Shelter Cove. I believe Seniors can call and order what they need and the delivery is free or by donation. Why don't we

have that kind of service from Fortuna to Eureka and Willow Creek to Samoa?

I don't need Meals on Wheels, another great program. I just need someone who can take a shopping list from me electronically or by phone, pick up what I need and deliver it to me.

I am 69 years old and use to be able to get to Grocery Outlet on my own a couple of times per month. However, I am a prime candidate for death by coronavirus. I have diabetes, a severe back injury, two types of cancer and take enough drugs to kill an average person. But, I'm not ready to die yet.

Reply

**Chuck U**

April 10, 2020 8:57 pm



I would contact the Humboldt Senior Resource Center first  
<http://www.humsenior.org/>  
707-443-9747

Apologies to Kym but loco posted this resource list

<https://lostcoastoutpost.com/2020/mar/19/resources-seniors-and-risk-community-members/>

Hope that helps.

Reply

**Kym Kemp**

April 10, 2020 9:23 pm





resources.

No apologies. That's a great list. I love when people link to important

[Reply](#)

**Ann Hall**

April 10, 2020 9:00 pm



Does the Multi generation center in Fortuna have any resources that may help you? Sounds like volunteers and someone(s) with some organizational skills may be needed in the Fortuna area. I have zip organizational skills but I do have some mad shopping skills.

[Reply](#)

**Ullr Rover**

April 10, 2020 8:32 pm



"American journalists talk about how bad a country is because people are lining up for food," Bernie Sanders said. "That's a good thing. In other countries people don't line up for food. The rich get the food, and the poor starve to death."

Bernie 2020!

[Reply](#)

**Greg Graffin**

April 10, 2020 10:03 pm





<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zoK6h4Mg7E8>

Funny little piece .

[Reply](#)

**FanOfGuest**

April 11, 2020 9:07  
am



Because lining up for free food is a great sign of where your country is at..... we are fuked when this starts to

happen. What's next, free soup? When did it start in this country that "rich" people are to be shunned , degraded, demonized, and blamed. I thought this was a country of striving to be rich and successful through innovation, risk taking, and opportunities from living in a free country? Now we just lay in our backs and except breadcrumbs because we are to dumb and lazy to otherwise do so. America has no more backbone. We the people are weak and utterly will be treated so. I would rather eat squirrel and hard tack than wait in line. We are being tested people, wake the FUK up! They want you to slowly get the idea that this is normalcy. It's not a good thing!

[Reply](#)

**Unemployed College Grad**

April 10, 2020 8:38  
pm







Anyone laid off will get unemployment, bonus \$600, and the families will get literally hundreds of dollars in EBT. Furloughed people get FULL PAY under the deficit-breaking payout. No need for this politically correct spectacle. I've been out of work for six months with food stamps that last three weeks max. No shiny car (didn't see any junkers in those lines) so no free carbs. Food for the Well Fed moved beyond reach way across town. To liberal non profits, everything is marketing, expired dairy be damned. Smoke and mirrors for local media that lap up the fake charity. Where are the churches? Hiding beyond video cameras. Where is the empathy? Reserved for the local business owners price gouging the poor every day but apparently cannot get through a months closure. No one cares about those of us who these same people refuse to employ. I'll be on the streets soon thanks to the discriminating employers of Humboldt. Enjoy the drive through.

[Reply](#)

**Bushytails**

April 10, 2020 9:29  
pm



Maybe you're unemployed because you said entirely nonsensical things to potential employers?

[Reply](#)

**Ped Xing**

April 10, 2020 9:31  
pm





It's food for people, not food for pedestrians.

This is America. If you don't have a car, you're not even people.

|

Reply

**Kym Kemp**

April 10, 2020 9:38 pm



I know it is tempting to be sure people are persecuting you but though this article was

about the vehicle event, there was a place for pedestrians:

<https://kymkemp.com/2020/04/08/emergency-food-distribution-to-help-those-suffering-due-to-the-coronavirus-crisis/>

If you are in need of food now, here is a contact on their site:

<http://foodforpeople.org/need-food>

Reply

**High school dropout business owner**

April 10, 2020 9:39 pm



A shiny car doesn't mean a person has lots of money, it most of the time means they are in debt.

Reply

**Bushytails**

April 10, 2020 9:57  
pm



From what I can see in the pictures, I'd say those cars average about 10-15 years old... I don't see many beaters, but I don't see many less than ten years old either.

[Reply](#)

**J**

April 11, 2020 8:19  
am



It may mean their financial priorities are askew. There are some pretty fancy cars in that line. I've always wanted one of those Tacoma's in the first picture, but a \$50,000 truck just never made sense in my world. Even though I make pretty good money on two good jobs, plus rental income I could never afford that. That was a sweet Lexus in the later pic too. I just worry about the guys who didn't get their box because of the ones who are shamefully taking advantage. Food for People is awesome though, and doing a fantastic job!

[Reply](#)

**amber**

April 10, 2020 10:03  
pm



Unemployment is not paying out timely. I've been without

income, or any aid, since March 16, and have been trying every day. No response, no aid, no one to call, no paperwork. At the mercy of EDD to get it together on these claims.

Reply

**Kym Kemp**

April 10, 2020 11:31 pm



I'm sorry. That sounds really rough.

Reply

**Susanne Hand**

April 10, 2020 9:09 pm



Thank you Food For People! It sounds like it went very well! How can we who qualify find out next time for this event? It would be so wonderful to know, thank you.

Reply

**Kym Kemp**

April 10, 2020 9:37 pm



I posted about it a few days ago here:

<https://kymkemp.com/2020/04/08/emergency-food-distribution-to-help-those-suffering-due-to-the-coronavirus-crisis/>

You can follow Food for People on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/FoodforPeopleInc/>

You can get Food assistance sooner by checking in with them here:

<http://foodforpeople.org/need-food>

Reply

**HotCoffee**

April 11, 2020 10:39  
am



It seems most of our Governmental info comes through facebook but many people don't use

facebook or twitter and consider them another tracking tool.

Thank you Kym for relaying facebook info at your site, where I prefer to read it.

Reply

**Ped Xing**

April 10, 2020 9:30  
pm



"Can't afford/don't have a car?

Go fucking die!"

— No Food For Pedestrians

Reply

**FanOfGuest**

April 11, 2020 9:58  
am



Don't worry ped xing. Government funded soup kitchens are coming for



pedestrians.wont that be wonderful!  
Yeeeaahhhh!!!

[Reply](#)

**Monster** April 10, 2020 10:21  
pm



Is the old Food for People building a total loss or will they be able to move back into the facility?

[Reply](#)

**Jayne** April 11, 2020 1:29  
am



Wow. Pretty nice look'in cars in the line-up. Maybe that's all these folks own....otherwise it should really go to those that really need..maybe don't "own" a car.....

[Reply](#)

**Jeffersonian** April 11, 2020 1:48  
am



Well maybe everyone should just sell their car for food and they canbe sad like you then, smithers..

[Reply](#)

**FanOfGuest** April 11, 2020 11:30  
am





Remember Jeffersonian,  
Equality is EVERYONE  
living in poverty. Car and

Home owners are just rich capitalist  
pigs!

Bernie 2020!!!!

Reply

HotCoffee

April 11, 2020 11:33  
am



Plant gardens folks! If you can  
find seeds. It's good for your  
mind & body.

A snip from :

<https://www.survivaldan101.com/a-third-part-of-thee-shall-die-with-the-pestilence-and-with-famine-shall-they-be-consumed-in-the-midst-of-thee-and-a-third-part-shall-fall-by-the-sword-round-about-thee-and-i-will-scatter-a-third-p/>

Record demand for food combined with a weakened supply chain is causing a risk of shortages throughout America, reported the Guardian on April 2. On a larger scale, the rest of the world is grappling with a similar problem. Nations are stockpiling food, and prices are rising. And all this is only a foretaste of greater food woes in the future.

Food banks and charities exist to serve the poor. Coronavirus has changed this. A wave of middle-class Americans are now turning to charities to supply their meals. Layoffs are only part of the picture. Much of it is also the reaction to an environment of fear. This is a

natural extension of the panic-buying mentality on display around the world.

"First, we saw people who lived paycheck to paycheck, got laid off and didn't know where the next meal was coming from, followed by those who had a couple of weeks of savings," said Jerry Brown, a media spokesman for St. Mary's Foodbank. "Now, people who knew about us because they donated or volunteered are coming in for food."

A charity run by the University of Massachusetts distributed 849 percent more food this March compared to last year. The Salvation Army's Massachusetts branch handed out 748 percent more food as well. Other food banks and charities around the United States have at least doubled their distribution.

Reply

**FanOfCoffee**

April 11, 2020 11:55  
am



Hunt and grow a garden? Self reliance? Love it hot coffee! But too many Americans..... why? There is free food and money! We the sheeple have not only imprisoned ourselves, we are lining up at the food trough's. This just in! .0001% of the population has died from covid 19. Wonder how many will die from a economic depression. Looked at the stock markets lately. They stopped reporting on that,there is no stock market. There's your

sign. Returning to "Normalcy" is just a figment of our imagination

Reply

**Kym Kemp**

April 11, 2020 11:59  
am



The stock market it doing well and the main stream media is reporting on it.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/10/upshot/virus-stock-market-booming.html>

Reply

**F.O.K.**

April 11, 2020 12:05  
pm



That's an upswing. My bad. I should look at other news besides kym kemp I guess. The

only news that pops up on my phone is death tolls and more death tolls. Thanks for the info kym. I really need to get the fuk out of my house, slightly starting to lose it...I did just help the wife and kids plant a veggie garden yesterday. Sun is shining , I need to remember my own mottos.

"Your mind is your worst enemy, and your only true savior." Have a good day kym and I will try my best to post some positivity. Peace

Reply

**Kym Kemp**

April 11, 2020 12:13  
pm



Me, too. But the last time I went to town with my mask I felt like I couldn't breathe...so I'm not sure that's an improvement.

**Reply**

**HotCoffee**

April 11, 2020 12:05  
pm



The stock market is up & down like a yo yo and it won't feed your family if supply chains break down.

If you grow food ... best case you'll have something to share when you can get back together with your friends!

**Reply**

**izzy**

April 11, 2020 11:58  
am



A very American idea. A solution that produces long lines of idling vehicles is marginal at best. This model will not work well if the next emergency includes gas shortages.



## Reply

**HotCoffee**

April 11, 2020 11:59  
am



A 2017 Pentagon Memo Foretold  
Today's Pandemic With Creepy  
Accuracy

At least someone was paying attention.

<https://www.popularmechanics.com/military/a32076205/2017-pentagon-memo-coronavirus/>

## Reply

**Guest**

April 11, 2020 12:12  
pm



It's too late to stock up or have a  
garden ready if you Did not do it  
beforehand. So while routine use  
of a food bank is not a successful

lifestyle, this is an emergency. Thank  
goodness the food bank is there for people  
who either could not or simply didn't prepare  
for emergencies. I plan to donate any  
emergency money I get from the government  
to them as I did plan ahead, was not caught by  
unfortunate timing and do not need much at  
the moment. Even if it is my political leaning  
to think that much of this distress is self  
inflicted, now is not the time to insist on  
people starving to prove my point.

## Reply

**HotCoffee**

April 11, 2020 12:25  
pm



You can prepare to plant a  
winters root veggie garden.  
It's never too late to start  
something!

I'm actually more concerned about supply  
lines and weather for farmers than the  
virus.

And why dump milk? Powder it or make  
cheese! Garden to Fork!

"Everything can be taken from a man but  
one thing: the last of the human freedoms  
— to choose one's attitude in any given set  
of circumstances, to choose one's own  
way."—Viktor Frankl

We still have choices.

Just because we're fighting an unseen  
enemy in the form of a virus doesn't mean  
we have to relinquish every shred of our  
humanity, our common sense, or our  
freedoms to a nanny state that thinks it  
can do a better job of keeping us safe.

Whatever we give up willingly now—  
whether it's basic human decency, the  
ability to manage our private affairs, the  
right to have a say in how the government  
navigates this crisis, or the few rights still  
left to us that haven't been disemboweled  
in recent years by a power-hungry police  
state—we won't get back so easily once  
this crisis is past.

The government never cedes power  
willingly. Neither should we.

Forget political sides and hang together as  
one people and be good to each other.

Reply

**FanOfGuest**

April 11, 2020 3:34  
pm



can I get a mule and forty  
acres to provide me with self  
reliance and freedom of  
choice instead of "free"  
money from the government?

Reply

**Jessie**

June 19, 2020 4:46 pm



It is not too late to plant,  
there is something that can  
be planted every month in  
our particular climate.

Reply

**HotCoffee**

April 11, 2020 1:16  
pm



I should add that I respect and  
appreciate law, order & justice,  
also the people that provide it.

I detest the people that abuse it under color  
of law.

I respect our constitutional rights even more.

God bless first responders, be it health or fires  
or any emergencies!

Reply

**Big lazy ass Poopa**

April 11, 2020 10:09  
pm



Drive through, love it!  
When there is a drive through  
toilet with paper please, spread  
the word!!!

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